

SELECTION OF STREAM HEADWATER

County: _____ Route: _____ Item No: _____
 UPN: _____ MARS: _____ Station: _____

The HEADWATER point on a stream is located at the site where the normal flow is 5 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Use the following equations ---

$$Q_a = 1.39 * A * (LAT - 36)^{-0.15} * E^{0.12}$$

Where :

* Data Range

Q_a = the mean annual discharge or the normal flow in cfs.

Q_a = (0.94 - 9,360)

A = the drainage area in square miles

A = (0.67 - 2,762)

LAT = latitude of site in degrees

LAT = (36.341 - 39.140)

E = the mean elevation of the basin in thousands of feet. This is determined by laying a grid on the quad sheet and locating the elevation of five to ten uniformly spaced points. The average of these elevations divided by 1000 is E.

E = (0.391 - 2.414)

1. Determine A for site from USGS quadrangle sheets.
2. Determine Latitude from quadrangle sheets.
3. Determine E for the watershed.
4. Solve the above equations for Q_a .

A = _____ mi^2

LAT = _____ degrees

E = _____ 1000 ft.

Q_a = _____ cfs

5. If > 5 cfs, below headwater, or if < 5 cfs, above headwater.